

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Great and wonderful God, Your knowledge is too wonderful for us. Yet, You have put at our disposal minds that You Yourself designed and the wisdom of the centuries.

May we be responsible stewards of these grace gifts.

Your Spirit abides with us wherever we go. We cannot flee from You. Whether we explore the skies or reside in our innermost thoughts, You are there.

May we find ourselves this day to be of Your enduring presence.

If we travel to far-flung places or find ourselves far from our own homes, wherever we are, distance means nothing to You. Your hand offers guidance, Your word direction.

May we take heed of how You are steering our lives.

And when we are lost in the darkness of decision, when night falls on our hope for agreement and mutual accord, cause our night to shine like the day.

Relieve our darkness with the light of Your truth.

In Your gracious and merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 450. An act to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley.

S. 3451. An act to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act, and for other purposes.

THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, last week a fire in Philadelphia killed 12 people, including 8 children. While our city mourned, just days later, a fire in New York killed 17, including 8 children.

These two events have at least three things in common: a high loss of life, an extraordinary number of children killed, all in public housing overcrowded with families who cannot afford to move.

Too many families are in this position because of our Nation's housing crisis. We say we need affordable housing, so let me speak plainly. We need more housing, affordable public and private housing, that families with low income can actually afford.

In the Philadelphia area, there are tens of thousands of people on waiting lists that are nearly a decade closed or years long.

We in Congress have a role to play. In the Build Back Better Act is \$150 billion to repair and restore existing housing and to build more public and affordable private housing. That will be a powerful start.

As the Senate stalls, more families are in danger. It is time this House, and their house, helps others find theirs.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TROOPER JOHN HORTON

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Trooper John Horton of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. On January 3, he passed away in a tragic accident in the line of duty. He was a 15-year veteran of the unit and was assigned to Rutherford County.

His two younger siblings, James and Joe, served alongside him at one point in the Highway Patrol. They were the first and only trio of siblings to ever work simultaneously in the Highway Patrol in North Carolina's history.

My prayers go out to Trooper Horton's family, his wife, and six children. May his memory and service to his community serve as an inspiration for future generations of law enforcement officers to come.

KEEPING HOMES SAFE AND WARM

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, temperatures this week in Buffalo and western New York are in single digits.

My community has some of the oldest housing stock in the country. Keeping these homes safe and warm is expensive. Failing to do so can be life threatening.

This year, Congress approved \$876 million in additional Home Energy Assistance Program funding for seniors and families in New York to afford energy. The infrastructure bill goes further, providing a historic \$3.5 billion nationwide for weatherization. This funding means that old houses will better withstand extreme weather as well as supporting green energy jobs.

But we can't stop there. We must do more. This Congress must enact the renewable energy provisions in Build Back Better so entire neighborhoods in my community can be retrofitted for long-term resilience. I urge the Senate to enact these provisions now.

HONORING AGNES TURK'S 108TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Agnes Turk, a constituent from the great Eighth District of Minnesota, who is celebrating her 108th birthday this week.

Born in Pennsylvania, Agnes soon after moved to the Twin Ports area and has lived there ever since.

As a young woman, Agnes valued her education so much that she walked 2 miles to school every day, rain or snow. She later went to business school, showing the spirit of hard work instilled in her.

Since the 1930s, Agnes has lived a beautiful life in Duluth, Minnesota, where she and her husband, John, raised three boys.

While John worked for U.S. Steel and the family operated a theater and an oil service station together, they happily lived out their American Dream.

Additionally, Agnes is a dedicated mother; a patriotic citizen, who has never missed voting in an election; and a faithful churchgoer.

She has touched the lives of so many people in the Northland, and her impact on Duluth will always be remembered.

I am proud to wish my good friend Agnes a happy 108th birthday and another year of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ODELL BARRY

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and adviser, a gentleman named Odell Barry of Northglenn, Colorado, who passed away on January 3, 2022.